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**Subject:** EPA releases proposal to protect Bristol Bay fisheries

Greetings,

EPA Region 10 has released a proposal to protect one of the world's most valuable salmon fisheries, in Bristol Bay, Alaska, from the risks posed by a mine at the Pebble deposit. Development of this mine would result in one of the largest open pit copper mines in the world and would threaten one of the world's most productive salmon fisheries.

This proposal, formally called a "Proposed Determination," outlines protections for the waters that support salmon in and near the Pebble deposit area. The geographic restrictions of this proposal cover only the mining claims surrounding the Pebble deposits. No other lands or developments are subject to these restrictions.

Please visit www2.epa.gov/bristolbay to read the Proposed Determination, Executive Summary, Fact Sheet and information on the Clean Water Act Section 404(c) review process.

EPA would like to hear your comments on this important topic. Detailed instructions on how to submit comments or attend a public hearing are available at www2.epa.gov/bristolbay. The public comment period will be open from Monday, July 21 until Friday, September 19, 2014.

You can send questions to the project team at: R10BristolBay@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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